SI.	NAC recommedations No.	Action taken by the Government
	the conservation of resources, (PRIs) to be empowered to charge and collect water and electricity rates from the farmers, training to be imparted at all levels as well as to political functionaries from the Panchayats level upwards, putting in place mechanism for evaluation and monitoring with greater involvement of Watershed Associations, Self-Help Groups and User Groups in planning execution and financial management.	
6.	Tribal Affairs The Recommendation, *inter alia,* includes effective monitoring by Ministry of Tribal Affairs including proper implementation of PESA Act, fixing of measurable targets, linking devolution with performance, measures to stop land alienation, access to forests, addressing of the issues of displacement and improving the quality of governance in tribal blocks with an emphasis of land records.	An Inter-Ministerial Task Force has been set up on Development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes on selected agenda items in National Common Minimum Programme.

Infrastructure development in the country

1795. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to divert farm subsidies to infrastructure development;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have examined the serious consequences that would arise out of this move against farmers; and

(d) if so, the assessment of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to discontinue subsidies to the farm sector. However, there is a need to review certain aspects of subsidies that tend to distort cropping patterns and could also have damaging effects on natural resoruces.

(c) This will be an important consideration in the above review.

(d) Does not arise.

Transfer of funds to States

1796. SHRIMATIVANGAGEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stipulated that henceforth there should no transfer of funds including plan assistance, in the form of loans from the Centre to the States; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V.RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Twelfth Finance Commission has recommended that the system of imposing a 70:30 ration between Loans and Grants for extending Plan Assistance to the Non-special category States (10:90 incase of special category States) should be done way with. Instead, the Centre should confine itself to extending plan grants to the States and leave it to the States to decide how much they wish to borrow and from whom. The Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the Twelfth Finance Commission for the period 2005-2010.

Special grant to Tamil Nadu

†1797. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government has requested the Central Government for special grants;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.